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## **45 Arrested for DUI During First Weekend of National Crackdown on Impaired Driving**

**Dover** – Delaware Law enforcement officers arrested 45 individuals for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol during the first weekend of the national impaired driving crackdown: *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* Fourteen of the DUI arrests were made by officers from State and municipal police agencies who were conducting dozens of DUI saturation patrols. These officers also issued 8 citations for seat belt violations, and another 139 citations for other violations including speeding, aggressive driving, and drug possession.

The remaining 31 DUI arrests were made at sobriety checkpoints. A total of six checkpoints were conducted last weekend (August 15 & 16). Participating agencies included the New Castle County DUI Task Force, the Dover Police, Delaware State Police Troop 6, the Millsboro Police, the Rehoboth Beach Police and the Smyrna & Clayton Police Departments working a checkpoint together.

At the checkpoints, in addition to the 31 DUI arrests, officers issued 1 citation for an underage drinking violation, apprehended 9 wanted individuals, made 23 drug arrests, 13 felony arrests, and issued 13 seat belt and 7 child restraint citations as well as 106 citations for various other traffic violations.

The National Impaired Driving Crackdown began last weekend and will run through Labor Day weekend. The crackdown is coordinated locally by OHS. In all, 32 state and local police agencies will conduct stepped up DUI saturation patrols as well as checkpoints. For weekly and ongoing campaign statistical updates please visit our website at [www.ohs.delaware.gov](http://www.ohs.delaware.gov) and click on the *Checkpoint Strikeforce* icon in the center of the page. For more information about the *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* Campaign, visit [www.stopimpaireddriving.org](http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org).